

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 585
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Joan McBrayer Jackson
on receiving the Blount Memorial Foundation
Distinguished Service Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community and professional leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Joan McBrayer Jackson who was recently named the recipient of the Blount Memorial Foundation Distinguished Service Award for her outstanding contribution to Blount Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Joan McBrayer Jackson received her R.N. in 1960 from the University of Tennessee Memorial Center, obtained a Bachelor's degree in Business/Psychology from Maryville College in 1992 and completed her Master of Business Administration course work at Lincoln Memorial University in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson began her extraordinary career at Blount Memorial in 1965 as a Charge Nurse in the Delivery Room. In 1969, she was named Adm. Supervisor/House Supervisor where she served until 1973 when she was appointed Staffing Coordinator/Associate Director of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, recognized for the superior quality of her work, in 1975 Joan McBrayer Jackson was named Director of Nursing, a post she held for a dozen years. Finally in 1987, she was chosen to be Assistant Administrator/Chief Nurse Executive, a position she would hold until her retirement in 2004; and

WHEREAS, working to continually improve patient care, Joan McBrayer Jackson's dedication and commitment to the patients of Blount Memorial is evident in the many projects she worked tirelessly to see to fruition such as transitional care, home care, assisted living, and

bringing the RN nursing program to the community. During her term of service on the local Board of Health, she strove to achieve healthcare improvements to benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, Joan McBrayer Jackson played a major role in the continuing efforts to elevate the practice of nursing at Blount Memorial Hospital and considers the caring and dedicated employees of BMH as part of her extended family; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Joan McBrayer Jackson received the 2005 Executive Nurse of Distinction Award from THA and upon her retirement from BMH the Education Center was named in her honor; and

WHEREAS, respected for her wisdom and experience, Mrs. Jackson served on the Red Cross Board for a number of years and was a long time member of the Health Occupations Board; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson is especially thankful for the love and support of her husband, James M. Jackson, and her daughter, Julie Jackson Heinemann, and grandchildren, Sarah G. and Nicholas J. Heinemann; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Joan McBrayer Jackson for her dedication to Blount Memorial Hospital and the citizens of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Joan McBrayer Jackson on receiving the Blount Memorial Foundation Distinguished Service Award, salute her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.